IT'S FAIR TIME!

4-H is TOPS!
President’s Message

Welcome to the 61st Somerset County 4-H Fair.

Congratulations to all our 4-H Members and Leaders on another very successful year. I’m proud to be involved with an organization that has such a positive impact on our kids and community. Thank you to all the members, leaders and families that will work with Association Committees and many other volunteers all year long, to provide this terrific fair.

As always, we are grateful for the support of the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Somerset County Park Commission. Supporting 4-H is just one of the many ways they work to preserve our excellent quality of life in Somerset County.

4-H is Tops! Enjoy the Fair!

Rich Norz
President, Somerset County 4-H Association

Remember 4-H is for everyone, everywhere!

The 4-H Youth Development Program is part of Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Somerset County.

4-H educational programs are offered to all youth, grades K-13, on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, color, sex, national origin, or disability.

4-H Mission Statement

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H youth development program uses a learn by doing approach to enable youth to develop the knowledge, attitudes, and skills they need to become competent, caring, and contributing citizens of the world.

The mission is accomplished by using the knowledge and resources of the land grant university system, along with the involvement of caring adults.

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Opening Ceremonies

Once again, all 4-H members and their families are invited to help cut the ribbon! Join the celebration at 10:00 am Wednesday of the Fair, at the bridge in front of the Information Tent.

Let's Have Another Parade!

Last year we had a great time marching through the Fairgrounds. Join us again on Wednesday, August 13. Line up will be at 5:30 by the dog tent. The route will pass between the tents and finish at the Showmobile for the 6:00 Welcoming Ceremony. Every division should be represented. Wear club t-shirts, crazy hats, wave banners and noise makers. No real animals, please. Musicians and drummers welcome. Please register your division with Dave Van Skiver at dave@merck.com.

Let’s Make the Best Better! 2007 was a great 4-H Fair, but 2008 promises to be even better! Please read this special Fair issue of Clovertales carefully as we have made several significant changes. Thank you!
Parents...

Please support the efforts of your children as they prepare for the fair. This is their big day! It is a time for them to exhibit their accomplishments with pride. We have an old saying around here, "4-H is a family affair, and in 4-H, you're part of the family." Share the 4-H experience with your child. Please consider assisting your child's club leader or helping with other tasks at the fair. Read this newsletter for ideas or call your leader or the 4-H office. If you haven't already, we would love to have you join us!

2008 4-H Fair Exhibitor Guide

This document was mailed earlier in the year. It is important to review the yellow pages in the front. Review your division guidelines, and any Open Divisions in which you are interested.

All 4-H members are welcome to participate in Open Divisions. If you didn’t receive one, please contact the 4-H Office.

- You may have craft projects, creative arts, needlecraft, woodworking and photography that you did during the school year that you can exhibit. Read the rules and requirements carefully, changes have been made.
- All exhibits in Open Divisions should be turned in to the 4-H Center no later than 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 7.
- Check the listing for each division in the Exhibitor's Guide for details and if pre-registration is required.
- Prep members may participate non-competitively and will receive 4-H Fair participation ribbons.

Yearbook and Catalog

Catalogs will be available at the 4-H Center starting the first week of August. These include:

- Exhibitor tags/cards, livestock exhibit cards
- Exhibitor buttons for 4-H members
- Danish ribbons for classes. Rosettes, trophies and medallions for outstanding work
- Green participation ribbons
- Non-competitive club ribbons
- Leader ribbons to be worn as identification
- FAIR OFFICIAL name badges for tent superintendents, division chairs and committee chairs.
- Division Banners for tents
- Judges food tickets and identification ribbons
- Forms to report show results, awards, interesting stories (for Clover Tales and the Press Notebook in the Information Tent)
- “No Dogs Allowed” signs for inside tents
- Event permission forms
- Labels for supplies to be stored in pole barn

Please return all leftover or borrowed supplies to the 4-H Center by Wednesday, August 22.

Yearbook & Catalog T-shirts

4-H members (or volunteers) with $50 or more in ad sales receive a special edition 4-H Fair T-shirt for their efforts. Pick up shirts at the 4-H Center, 7:00-8:00 p.m. on Monday, July 28 or Tuesday, August 5.

Event Permission Forms

- Each member who plans to participate in the fair must complete two Event Permission Forms.
- Give both copies to your leader.
- Leaders will keep one copy in the tent and put one in an envelope to be stored in the information tent for use by the rescue squad only.

If there is an accident on the fairgrounds, we will have all the necessary emergency information to recognize allergies or health conditions and to contact parents. Please cooperate in this attempt to keep all 4-H members as safe as possible. If your family needs more forms, they are available at the 4-H Center day and evening, or can be downloaded from the website: www.4HisTops.org.

Fair Supplies

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Press Releases

Do you have an interesting story about your project or other 4-H experience that would encourage other kids or adults to join or volunteer? Please complete the form in the Press Book and we will send your suggestion to the papers. There will be a PRESS BOOK in the information tent and we will be working with local newspapers to give them up to the minute news.

We can also use this as a vehicle to tell our story. We cannot guarantee they will print our stories, but the more information we make available, the more we can hope to spread the word!

Fair Improvement Grants

Due August 1

The 4-H Association will give divisions/tents monetary grants to make the fair better. Applications are available at the 4-H Center and on the website, www.4HisTops.org/4hfair.

S4HL! Continues on Our 4-H Stage!

Today's youth can become tomorrow's stars! Join us during one of the noon hours and show off your talent! Play a little ditty, sing the song that's in your heart, or dance your dreams away! The 6th annual S4HL! (Somerset 4-H Live!) will again be a showcase for our talented 4-H’ers. Check out the description of the Open Division 14: Performing Arts in the 2008 Exhibitors' Guide. It's not too late to register with the Entertainment Committee. Call Betty Sommerville, Home: 908-281-5238, Cell: 908-635-1951 or e-mail her at jls@mindpulse.com (put "4-H talent" in the subject line).

Keep It Neat!

Every year 4-H members, parents and leaders are welcome to turn their tents into their home-away-from-home during the three days of fair. However, it is important to remember that this home is on display to the public and that personal items should be stored out of public view.

Herdsmen

- 4-H’ers who have completed 8th grade or older may sleep overnight at the fair to make sure animals and exhibits are safe and secure.
- Herdsmen Supervisors are Debbie and Rich Norz, 4-H Association members.
- Herdsmen are people of character and pledge to uphold the six pillars of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.
- Return a completed application by JULY 11 to the 4-H Center. Late applications will not be accepted!
- Herdsmen applicants must attend one of two herdsman orientation meetings, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. or August 5 at 7:00 p.m. If you have been a herdsman for the last 2 or more consecutive years, your parent or guardian does not need to attend. Members need permission and approval signatures from a parent, a leader and a 4-H Agent on the application.
- A breakfast will be provided, Wednesday through Saturday mornings from 6:30 - 8:30 a.m. on the fair grounds.
- We also need adults to serve as herdsman. They must complete the NJ 4-H Volunteer Overnight Agreement.

Volunteer Workforce Yellow Pages

The Fair is successful because of the many, many volunteers that assist, including you and your club. In addition to working within your division, plan to volunteer to help other areas. The electricians need lots of help, as do the food and commercial tent committees. You may help either setting up or cleaning up! Call the 4-H office or these teams directly to volunteer.
Rules and Procedures

Lost Children
All lost children must be taken to the Information Tent. Managers and Park Rangers will proceed to locate parents from there. If a parent is missing a child, notify a Park Ranger and the workers in the Information Tent immediately!

Injuries or Illness
The Rescue Squad is on the fairgrounds at all times and available for any health emergency. They may be reached by radio from the Information Tent or by any Park Ranger, Fair Manager or Staff. All injuries must be reported on an Incident Report form available in the Information Tent.

Fair Hours
The Fair is open to the public from 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Therefore, all exhibits must be in place during those hours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Exhibits must be ready by 10 a.m. on Wednesday and no one is to take down or remove exhibits until after 10 p.m. Friday.

Delayed Opening: If there is a weather alert, call the 4-H Office, 908-526-6644, 7 am – 8 am for further information. Listen to WCTC – 1450 AM and WMGQ 98.3 FM.

Early Closing: If it becomes necessary to close the fair early, an official announcement will be made over the PA system. Notification thru the chain of command, as outlined in the Thunderstorm Procedure, will begin as soon as the decision is made. If the Fair will reopen, the same procedure will take place.

Parking
- Weather permitting, there will be parking on the fairgrounds. If there is inclement weather or other events beyond our control, which prohibit parking on the fairgrounds, additional shuttle buses from Raritan Valley Community College will be added as needed. This includes Monday and Tuesday evenings before the fair.
- Tuesday before the fair when everyone is unloading, please do not leave vehicles along the roads. Unload and move your vehicle to the parking lot. This will decrease the congestion and allow traffic to flow more freely.

- AVOID THE FUSS, ENJOY THE BUS
- Buses will run between the fairgrounds and Raritan Valley Community College from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. all 3 days of the fair.
- Handicapped parking will be available either on the grounds or at RVCC.
- On Fair Days, parking at the 4-H Center is ONLY for those visiting the offices or employees. If the Fair parking lots are closed, one pass to the 4-H Center lot will be issued per club. See Carol Ward
- DROP-OFF during fair hours The paved area off Horse Ring Road is the designated drop-off point. There is no parking there, but a sheriff’s officer will be on hand to radio for a golf cart if you need to have supplies dropped off. Please help load the golf cart/trailer and have someone available to help unload at the tent. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Germ Busting in the Animal Tents
- All divisions with petting areas need to instruct fair visitors to clean their hands before and after petting the animals and before eating.
- Each animal tent will be given two hand sanitizing stations and posters.
- All exhibitors need to clean and disinfect equipment prior to coming to the fair. This includes trailers.

Livestock and Horse Trailers
- Please plan to unload animals on Tuesday, take trailers home, and return on Friday evening after 10pm.
- One trailer per division will be allowed to stay on the fairgrounds in a designated area. This trailer will not be moved until Friday evening after 10 pm. See Carol Ward for permit. Any additional trailers will be parked on the grounds from Tuesday evening until 10:00 pm on Friday in the small paved lot behind the drop-off on Horse Ring Road.
Member Responsibilities

• Complete projects and bring to the Fair. (Some projects are judged before the fair. Check Exhibitor's guide.)
• Get signatures and apply to be a herdsman on time.
• Design, set up and clean up club exhibit.
• Set up projects, displays, boards/stalls.
• Decorate tent area.
• Staff tent (with club leaders and parents.)
• Help set up & take down cinder blocks/ planks in food tent. Volunteer where needed.
• Wipe tables in food tent – sign in at food tent committee booth and receive free food tickets.
• Raise and lower the flaps each day. On Friday night after the Fair, do not remove the flaps.
• Leave ideas for interesting stories in the "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
• Give your Event Permission Form to your leader. These are available to download on the website.

Adult Responsibilities

4-H Parents & Guardians

• Support the efforts of your child(ren).
• Assist club leaders with Fair responsibilities.
• Assist in other areas as needed by volunteering for jobs outside your division.
• Pick up Bumper Stickers in the 4-H Center lobby or the 4-H office to advertise the Fair.
• Sign Herdsman Applications.
• Complete health and permission forms.

4-H Club Leaders

• Discuss Exhibitor’s Guide with parents/members.
• Contact the 4-H Office if you need ideas for exhibit signs or posters.
• Determine and coordinate needs of club for Fair.
• Assign roles/responsibilities.

• Please collect the Event Permission Forms from your members. Put one set in a sealed, labeled envelope and leave them at the information booth before Wednesday at noon. They will only be used in an emergency which would require information for the rescue squad. Keep the other set in your tent.
• Keep phone numbers & emergency numbers of club members accessible at the Fair at all times.
• There will be a PRESS NOTEBOOK in the information tent. Appoint someone to keep this book up to date with results of all judging events for reporters from local newspapers and Clover Tales. Interesting story ideas are welcome too!
• Organize club effort to help in other parts of the Fair (See yellow pages).
• Sign Herdsman Applications.
• Assign parents or teens to Saturday, 2nd Shift at 10 a.m. Call the 4-H Office to sign up.

Division Chairpersons

• Are responsible for projects that make up that Division.
• Obtain exhibit information from club leaders.
• Work with club leaders, making note of changes for the 2006 Exhibitor’s Guide and give to the 4-H Office.
• Obtain judges and if there is no parking, notify judges as early as possible or make other arrangements.
• Appoint someone to report judging results in "Press Book" in the Information Tent.
• Submit division schedules to 4-H Office.
• Order ribbons ASAP. Pick them up at the Center before your show.

Tent Superintendents

• Oversee set-up and take-down.
• Design layout and designate electricity needs.
• Oversee the activities and schedule in the tent.
• Keep herdsman’s personal belongings to a minimum.

County 4-H Staff & 4-H Fair Managers

• Oversee general operations of the 4-H Fair. Feel free to call them with questions or concerns. See Directory for phone numbers.

Thank you to all the members, parents and volunteers who contribute so much time and energy to making the 4-H Fair a success.
**Fair Set Up**

The Fair Managers will move supplies to the fairgrounds very early the Saturday morning before the fair. Everything in the pole barn that has a division label on it will be placed in the appropriate tent. Horse club members will help at the pole barn at 6 am and Dairy club members at 8 am.

After tents are secure and electricians have completed wiring, 4-H clubs are permitted to set up fencing, exhibit boards, etc. Club exhibits must be set up by Tuesday evening before the Fair. Any leftover supplies should be placed on a pallet and shrink wrapped. Please make every effort to hide your leftovers and pallets in your tent. If this is impossible, please label them and contact a Fair Manager Tuesday evening to have them returned to the pole barn. Trash should be marked for the dumpster.

**How to Pack a Pallet**

- Position pallet on the ground so the tines of the forklift fit between the slats.
- Make sure top of the pile is flat enough to place another pallet on top. DO NOT build a pyramid.
- Shrink wrap VERY tightly, especially PVC pipe and wire cages.
- Do not allow anything to hang over the edges.
- Do not put rented tables (those labeled Miller Party Supply) on any pallet.
- If you have delicate items, do not put them on pallet. Please make other arrangements for their storage.
- Label clearly. Tent superintendents will receive labels in their tent packets. If you need more, please let the 4-H Office know ahead of time.
- If you have questions, ask a fair manager or forklift operator. They are willing to help you make the job go smoothly.

**Fair Clean Up**

SEE EXHIBITOR GUIDE FOR DETAILS

- Exhibits may be taken down after the Fair closes at 10:00 p.m., Friday night.
- Remove all new staples after taking down your display.
- Upon obtaining an electrician’s approval, each superintendent should assign members to help remove all items from tent, drop, roll and label electric wire and pack wire and bulbs in barrels.
- Rake or clean litter from tent areas.
- **Friday night, August 15 and/or Saturday morning, August 16,** all divisions will shrink wrap their pallets and label them. Shrink wrap and labels will be provided.
- Fair managers will be available from 6:00 a.m.–12 noon on Saturday after the Fair to help load the pole barn.
- There will be a forklift and flat bed truck to help bring items from the Fairgrounds to the pole barn.
- Divisions are expected to have a representative at the Fairgrounds to make sure the correct items are brought to the pole barn.
- Any items left on the Fairgrounds or at the 4-H Center after Saturday noon will be thrown away!

**2nd Shift on Saturday**

Each club should plan to send a few people for a second shift on Saturday after the fair. When the herdsmen and other helpers leave the fair around 9 or 10 a.m., the electricians and fair managers are left to continue the clean up on their own. Last year each club sent one or two well rested people at 10 a.m. Clean up went much faster, everyone was home by 1:00 and everyone felt supported and appreciated.
Help Spin Cotton Candy at the Fair!

If you volunteer to spin cotton candy during the fair, you will receive a free tee shirt and a cotton candy. Volunteers who spin cotton candy need to be at least 16 years of age. Ticket takers can be younger. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to offer a percentage back to the clubs for spinning cotton candy as in the past. As always, I look forward to your help. Thank you. Lisa Darby.

Egg Hunt at the Fair

The Poultry division held this event last year and it was a huge success. They are asking other divisions to help this year. Prizes in the eggs could be coupons for something children would have to pick up in your tent, encouraging that family to see more of the Fair. Call Steve Fenyar if your division would like to participate, 908-359-7288.

Food Tent News

Milkshake Booth
Help is needed from 4 to 10 PM all three nights of fair. No experience is necessary; we supply aprons. Bring a friend. Clubs can sign up to work together. Parents, this is an opportunity for you to get to know each other. The milkshake booth is sponsored by the Somerset County 4-H Association to help fund the fair. Call Janet Kolb 908-369-4865 to volunteer.


Presentations
All 4-H’ers are invited to give a public presentation in the prep tent. Preppers always enjoy seeing the "big kids" in action and for Preppers, this is a great place to gain experience. Call the 4-H Office, 526-6644 to schedule a time. Scheduling is flexible. All participants will receive a participation ribbon.

Landscapers Needed!
The Somerset County 4-H Association is looking for quality landscapers, garden centers or landscape designers to donate their expertise and materials for decorative plantings and mulch beds at the entrances to the 4-H Exhibit tents during the Somerset County 4-H Fair. The displays will be accompanied by an 8.5 x 11 inch sign with the company name and logo for an estimated 20,000 people to view for 3 days. If you are a landscaper or know a landscaper, this is a great opportunity to show off your craftsmanship! Call the 4-H Office at 908-526-6644 for more details.

Fair News for 4-H Alumni
Holly Dunbar is collecting information to publish the third annual issue of the Somerset County 4-H Alumni Newsletter. This publication was a hit last year and if you have any news or ideas for reaching Alumni, please call the 4-H Office.

Elaine Stanis is busy making plans to display old photos, tee shirts and other memorabilia. If you wish to participate, please call the 4-H Office.
Volunteers Supporting Volunteers

The 4-H Association Oasis Committee supplies drinks, snacks and meals for the Fair Managers and electricians working on the Fairgrounds from the Wednesday before the Fair until Tuesday evening before the Fair. This committee supplies the Tuesday lunch for everyone. They are there again the Saturday after the Fair with breakfast, drinks and lunch for all workers. Members decide what they will provide on which day. If you or your club would like to help, please contact Tina Pirro at kmpirro@msn.com to be involved in the planning. This is funded by the 4-H Association.

Attention: All Rabbit, Alpaca, Sheep and Specialty Dog Club Members...

Please save your fleeces and fibers for show and judging at the fair. Judging of all entries will take place in the sheep tent during Sheep-to-Shawl on Thursday. Awards will be presented to all entrants.

If you have questions or need additional information, please email Pauline Kodack at pmkodack@verizon.net.

Emergency Procedures

Please read the thunderstorm and lightening procedures carefully. Leaders should remind families to have an emergency plan. As you can see in the Chain of Command, tent superintendents will be called upon to help relay information to the members and the public in your tents. FAIR OFFICIAL name badges will be available at the 4-H Center before the Fair. All tent superintendents, division chairs and Fair committee chairs are asked to wear them whenever you are on the Fairgrounds. This will enable visitors and 4-H families to identify people that can answer questions or give directions. In the event of an emergency, a badge will give authority to your directions. Thank you for helping to make these emergency procedures work smoothly.

Please note the change from previous instructions: Rule #5 is that no one should stay in a tent during a thunderstorm. Go to a building or vehicle.

2008 4-H Fair Chain of Command in Case of Emergency

✓ Mike Amorosa- Fair Manager Liaison to the Park Rangers
✓ Joe Bakes- Public Address Announcer
✓ Mike Pappas- Fair Manager Liaison to Bus company, County Transportation,
✓ Joanne Vuoso, Public Information Officer and vendors in the small county tent.
✓ Britt Powell- Fair Manager Liaison to Dawn Hribik, Commercial Chair and Chris Ireland, First Aid.
✓ Tony DeVergillo- Fair Manager Liaison to Betty Sommerville, Entertainment Chair
✓ Scott Szakaes-Fair Manager Liaison to the Food Tent Committee
✓ Abner Mathews- Fair Manager Liaison to the Sheriff’s Officers
✓ Dave Rieur- Liaison to the tents/activities by the brook and flying field, sno-cones
✓ Barbara Navatto- 4-H Staff Liaison to the 4-H Office.

4-H Office will notify the Association Executive Committee, Buildings and Grounds and some County Departments 4-H Staff, with the help of tent superintendents, will inform divisions and tents.
✓ Carol Ward- horse, dogs, sheep, goats, dairy, beef, poultry, and show tent
✓ Lisa Rothenburger-Trains, mechanical sciences, rc cars, go-kart track, small animal
✓ Lucille Razzano- Arts, Board of Ag
✓ Lisa Darby- Prep, Ice Cream, Cotton Candy
✓ Rachel Bijaczyk- Science, Master Gardeners, Herpetology
THUNDERSTORM AND LIGHTNING PROCEDURE
Somerset County 4-H Fair 2008

All 4-H families and Fair volunteers should have a plan for inclement weather, including a means of communication and a designated place to meet.

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch** (National Weather Service definition)
This is issued by the National Weather Service when conditions are favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms in and close to the watch area. A severe thunderstorm by definition is a thunderstorm that produces 3/4 inch hail or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour. The size of the watch can vary depending on the weather situation. They are usually issued for a duration of 4 to 8 hours. They are normally issued well in advance of the actual occurrence of severe weather. During the watch, people should review severe thunderstorm safety rules and be prepared to move to a place of safety if threatening weather approaches.

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission Staff or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Watch for Somerset County from County Communications or the National Weather Service they will contact Fair Managers and all Rangers, P.C. stage manager, P.C. maintenance, and Bridgewater Township Police Department Officer via radio about the situation.
2. Fair Managers and 4-H Staff will be responsible for informing their assigned areas and fair personnel.
3. The Public Address Announcer will then periodically inform the public about what to do when a thunderstorm approaches.
4. Roving Ranger staff and 4-H Volunteers will inform vendors and people conducting activities about the situation.
5. SCPC staff and Sheriff’s Officers at the drop off point should prepare for bad weather and the possibility of park visitors leaving the area, i.e. assisting with traffic control at a last moments notice. Drop Off Points will remain operational.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning** (National Weather Service definition)
This is issued when either a severe thunderstorm is indicated by the WSR-88D radar or a spotter reports a thunderstorm producing hail 3/4 inch or larger in diameter and/or winds equal or exceed 58 miles an hour; therefore, people in the affected area should seek safe shelter immediately. Severe thunderstorms can produce tornadoes with little or no advance warning. Lightning frequency is not a criteria for issuing a severe thunderstorm warning. They are usually issued for a duration of one hour. They can be issued without a Severe Thunderstorm Watch being already in effect.

1. When the Somerset County Park Commission or the Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers receives a Thunderstorm Warning for Somerset County or a thunderstorm is seen heading towards North Branch Park, all the above parties will be informed.
2. The Public Address Announcer will announce that 4-H’ers, volunteers and the public should immediately seek shelter and take appropriate precautions.
3. All activities on the fairgrounds are to cease immediately.
4. SCPC staff, Fair Managers, 4-H Staff, and Roving Rangers, will inform public and 4-H families on the grounds to seek shelter immediately.
5. Fair attendees that have vehicles on site should retreat to their cars. All others should seek shelter in a shuttle bus or the 4-H Center. DO NOT STAY IN A TENT. (This is a change from what was previously stated. Your cooperation is appreciated)
6. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters.
7. All staff and volunteers should seek shelter themselves.
FAIR CLOSING
The Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers and Somerset County Park Commission will decide whether or not to close the Fair, based on the severity of the weather and the condition of the parking lots. They will notify the chain of command.

If the Fair is closed:

1. The Public Address Announcer will make an announcement from the information tent
2. Buses will not bring people to the Fair and all parking lots on the Fairgrounds will be closed.
3. Buses will take people to RVCC and the 4-H Center or stay on the grounds to be used as shelters
4. The Drop Off points will continue to operate, but only to pick up people leaving
5. The 4-H Center driveway will only be used as a drop off/pick up.
6. A Sheriff’s officer will direct traffic at the 4-H Center. Parking will be extremely limited.

FAIR REOPENING
The Fair will reopen only when The Fair Manager liaison to the Park Rangers and Somerset County Park Commission agree and pass the word along. Parking lots may or may not open immediately.

The following are taken from FEMA guidelines pertaining to thunderstorms.

- Remember the 30/30 lightning safety rule: Go indoors if, after seeing lightning, you cannot count to 30 before hearing thunder. Stay indoors for 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

- Get inside a home, building, or hard top automobile (not a convertible). Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

- Remember, rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide NO protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal.

- Secure outdoor objects that could blow away or cause damage.

- Plumbing and bathroom fixtures can conduct electricity.

- Cordless and cellular telephones are safe to use. Use a corded telephone only for emergencies.

Avoid the following:

- Natural lightning rods such as a tall, isolated tree in an open area.

- Hilltops, or open fields

- Isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.

- Anything metal—tractors, farm equipment, motorcycles, golf carts, bleachers, and bicycles.
# 2008 Somerset County 4-H Fair Volunteer Workforce

These are the jobs that have to be done and the people who have agreed to help the Fair Managers. If your club can NOT fulfill the responsibility listed, please call the 4-H Office, 526-6644.

Everywhere you see “Need Help” is a place YOU can make a difference.

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## Wednesday-Friday, August 6-8, Evenings

| 1. Move electrical supplies to Fair grounds install electricity | Need Help | Tony DeVergilio |
| 2. Erect snow fence in Commercial Tents | Dog Clubs | Dawn Hribik |
| | (8/8 6:30 p.m.) | |

## Saturday before the Fair, August 9

| 1. Transport supplies from pole barn to fair | Fair Managers, horse, dairy clubs | Mike Amorosa |
| 2. Unpack pallets and label for return to barn | All Divisions |
| 2. Electric (wiring & unpacking bulbs) | Need Help | Tony DeVergilio |
3. Electric (stringing wire in tents) | Two volunteers per tent | Electricians
4. Smoke Detectors | Electricians
5. Man Oasis - serve refreshments to volunteers | Need Help | Tina Pirro
6. Install Show Tent fence | Livestock clubs (9:30 am) | Livestock leaders

**Sunday before the Fair, August 10**

1. Fire extinguishers | Somerset Sentinels 4-H Club | Mike Amorosa
2. Prep Tent set up | 4-H Prep Clubs | Dave VanSkiver
3. Electric (stringing wire in tents) | Two Volunteers per tent. | Electricians
4. Exit and No Smoking Signs | Teen Volunteers | Kelly Allison
5. Arts Tents exhibit boards set up. | Arts and other Clubs | Laura Graham
7. Lining the Food Tent | Food tent committee | Jim Wood
8. Info. booth set-up | Need Help | Joe Bakes
9. Milkshake booth set-up | Committee, Go-Kart Club | Janet Kolb
10. Install recruitment kiosk | Senior Council | Maggie Navatto
11. Install hand sanitizers | Teen Volunteers | Kelly Allison
12. Cotton Candy set up | Need Help | Kyle Miholics

**Monday before the Fair, August 11, 6:30 p.m.**

1. Show Tent set-up | Livestock Clubs | Livestock Clubs
2. Sno-cone set-up | Senior Council | Beth Kavanaugh
3. Food Tent set-up | Food tent Committee, Need Help | Lucille Razzano

**Tuesday before the Fair, August 12, all day**

1. 4-H exhibits set-up | 4-H club members | 4-H club leaders
2. Food Tent set-up | Food Vendors | Food Tent Committee
3. Commercial Tent set-up | Commercial Vendors | Dawn Hribik
4. 4-H Herdsmen (10:30 p.m.) | 4-H Teen Members | Debbie and Rich Norz
5. Tables/chairs for divisions | Division Chairpersons | Sign-out in pole barn
6. 4-H Information Tent contents | Need Help | Joe Bakes
7. Bench seating for the public | Teen Volunteers | Chan Leung
8. Showmobile setup | County personnel | Kyle Miholics
9. Put up no smoking and exit signs | Teen Volunteers | Kelly Allison

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - August 13, 14, & 15**

1. Ribbon Cutting 10:00 am Wed. | Need all 4-H Members | 4-H Agents
2. 4-H talent/showmobile 12:00pm | Need 4-H talent | Betty Sommerville
3. Food Tent tables cleaned | Need clubs or individuals | Kelly Allison
4. Herdsmen breakfast (6:30-8:30 a.m.) | Need parents | Sandy Clare, Pauline Kodack
5. Parade (5:30 at dog tent) | All clubs and individuals | Dave Van Skiver
6. Milkshake booth/cvenings | Need Help | 4-H Agents
7. Information Booth | Need Help | Janet Kolb
8. Opening Ceremonies 7:00 am Wed. | Come one, come all! | Joe Bakes
Friday night after the Fair

1. Tables returned to Show Tent All Divisions Fair Managers
2. Chairs returned to 4-H Garage All 4-H Clubs Division Chairpersons
3. Exhibit boards & blocks stack on pallets, wrap, label All 4-H Clubs Scott Szakacs
4. 4-H Info. tent dismantled Need Help Joe Bakes
5. Milkshake booth dismantled Need Help Janet Kolb
6. Food Tent; Stack boards, blocks, tables Herdsmen, Need Help Scott Szakacs
7. Prep boards dismantled Prep Clubs Dave Van Skiver, James Thompson
8. Commercial Tent snow fence dismantled & rolled Need Help Dawn Hribik
9. Cotton Candy dismantled Need Help Kyle Miholics

Saturday morning after the Fair - Aug. 16 - We Need You!!!

1. Pack Pole Barn starting 6 a.m. Fair Managers Mike Amorosa
2. Electric: drop & roll wires, pack light bulbs All Divisions Electricians
3. Remove bench seating Need Help Chan Leung
4. Rake debris on fairgrounds All 4-H Clubs Joe Bakes
5. Info. Booth return contents to center Need Help Livestock Club Leaders
6. Dismantle Show Tent Livestock clubs Mike Amorosa
7. Fire extinguishers returned Somerset Sentinels Club Electricians
8. Smoke alarms removed Need Help Scott Szakacs
9. 4-H Food Booths to pole barn Need Help

Saturday Morning 10:00 a.m. SECOND SHIFT

1. Finish packing electrical supplies, finish moving everything to Center Two Reps from each Club Electricians
    Pete Hirsch
2. Man Volunteer Oasis (snacks, drink) Need Help Tina Pirro
3. Wash Golf Carts Need Help Abner Mathews
2008 4-H FAIR DIRECTORY

4-H FAIR MANAGERS
Abner Mathews - 526-2950
Britt Powell - 526-6773
Peter Hirsch - 874-5476
Scott Szakacs -732-558-8209
Tony DeVerGillo - 658-4153
Mike Amorosa - 231-9585
Mike Pappas - 722-3352
Food Tent -
Fair Mgr Liaison-Scott Szakacs
Office contact-Lucille Razzano

4-H Information
Joe and Kathy Bakes, 725-4246
Fair Mgr Liaison - Pete Hirsch
Office contact-RoseMary Fleming

Herdsman Supervisors
Rich & Deb Norz, 369-8586
Fair Mgr Liaison-Britt Powell,
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Herdsman Breakfast
Pauline Kodack-704-9253
Sandy Clare-722-3465
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger
Commercial-Dawn Hribik, 725-6292
Fair Mgr Liaison-Abner Mathews
Office contact-Barb Navatto

Yearbook/Catalog Ads
Joanna Licuallen, 231-8849
Office contact-Barb Navatto

Yearbook/Catalog Photos
Office Contact- Kelly Allison

Entertainment & Performance
Betty Sommerville, 281-5238
Fair Mgr. Liaison- Mike Pappas
Office contact- Barb Navatto

Sponsorship - Linda Au, 658-4165
Office contact- RoseMary Fleming

Milkshakes-Janet Kolb, 369-4865
Fair Mgr Liaison- Scott Szackacs
Office contact-Lucille Razzano

Logistics -Dave Ricur, 281-6561
Fair Mgr Liaison- Abner Mathews

First Aid, Fire-Christopher Ireland
Fair Mgr Liaison- Mike Amorosa

Corporate Volunteers
Pam Christian-369-3572
Office Contact- Lisa Darby

Volunteer Oasis
Tina Pirro, 732-906-2027

Fair Mgr Liaison- Pete Hirsch
Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Electrician's Workforce
Tony DeVerGillo - 685-4153
Britt Powell- 526-6773

Office Contact- Barb Navatto

Tent Superintendents
Horse - Carol Macaborski,732-469-6295
Office contact-Carol Ward
Alpaca/Cat - Janet Weiss, 393-2762
Office contact-Carol Ward

Dog- Tina Pirro, 732-906-2027
Jeff Weinstein, 281-2595
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Sheep- Dawn Granja- 927-9448
Office contact-Carol Ward

Poultry- Steve Fenyar, 359-7288
Office contact-Carol Ward

Dairy- Rich Norz, 369-8586
Office contact-Carol Ward

Beef-Michelle Ogle, 781-5576
Office contact-Carol Ward

Goats- Al Stahoski, 359-8569
Office contact-Carol Ward

Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

RC Cars- Chris Heckman, 369-3583
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Science-Sue Posbergh, 707-4631

Andrea Kosaka, 253-9184
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Arts- Laura Graham, 369-5190
Office contact-Lucille Razzano

Prep- Dave Van Skiver, 732-560-3691
James Thomson, 334-8380
Office contact-Lisa Darby

Small Animal- Laurie Hazen, 722-4948
Office contact-Carol Ward

Herpetology- Lee Hammill, 526-9365
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Show Tent -
Office contact-Carol Ward

Model Trains-Doug Pitney, 973-635-8923
Office contact-Lisa Rothenburger

Sno-Cone - Beth Kavanaugh, 439-3751
Ice Cream - Debbie Norz, 369-8586
Cotton Candy-Lisa Darby

Board of Agriculture - Joanne Powell,526-6773

Alumni- Elaine Stanis,369-4472

Open Divisions- Office Contact- Rachel Bijaczyk
You're Invited to Pre-Fair Fun!

Come one! Come all!

Be a part of the fun on Friday, August 1st at 7:30 pm as we get ready to kick-off the 4-H Fair!

This is a great chance to hang with old buddies and meet new friends. Test your fair knowledge with games and win some prizes. Here’s your chance to relax and have fun BEFORE the fair!

Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road

RSVP Sue Posbergh at (908) 303-6024 cell or ksec@att.net

Each family is asked to bring a dessert or snack to share. Drinks will be supplied by the 4-Leaf Clovers.
And in Other News...

Yearly 4-H Room Request
August 1

4-H clubs may request use of rooms for club meetings in 2008/09 from MaryAnn DeL Gigante, the 4-H Center evening superintendent, beginning the first business day in August, Friday the 1st, and may reserve the rooms through August of the next year. Requests must be renewed annually. The evening superintendent may be contacted between the hours of 7:00-10:00 pm at the 4-H Center, Monday through Friday, 526-8242.

Association News

Thanks to these officers for agreeing to serve another term beginning in September.
Rich Norz - President
Joe Bakes - Vice President
Jim Wood - Treasurer
Jeanne Fasullo - Assistant Treasurer
Janet Kolb - Corresponding Secretary
Caitlyn O’Neil - Recording Secretary

Dates Set for State 4-H Animal Shows

August is the time for 4-H members from throughout the state to showcase their project animals. Mark your calendars now for these culminating events.

Remember, you do not need to have an animal project to come to the shows. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer on other 4-H members from your county.

State 4-H Dairy Show
Date: Tuesday, August 26
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Sussex County Fairgrounds
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644

State 4-H Goat Show
Date: Thursday, August 21
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Hunterdon Co. 4-H & Agricultural Fairgrounds
Contact: Chad Ripberger
ripberger@njaes.rutgers.edu or 609-989-6833

State 4-H Championship Horse Show
Date: Friday, August 22 - Sunday, August 24
Time: vary - check 4-H Web site for details:
nj4h.rutgers.edu
Location: Horse Park of New Jersey
Contact: Carol Ward
ward@njaes.rutgers.edu or 908-526-6644

State 4-H Rabbit, Cavy, Small Animal, Herpetology & Poultry Show
Date: Saturday, September 13
Time: 9:30 am animal check in
Location: Cumberland County Fairgrounds, Carmel Road, Millville
Contact: 4-H Office for more information 908-526-6644

For more information about the shows contact your county 4-H Office or the New Jersey 4-H Website - www.nj4h.rutgers.edu/animalsci/index.html. On the Website just click on the appropriate animal species. The rules and entry forms for the show will be available on the Website.
**Save the Date!**

The Northeast Regional Volunteer Forum will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, New Hampshire, October 23-26, 2008.

Workshops include: Decorating Trends, Flower Arranging, Aerospace, Friendship Quilts, Shooting Sports, Planning Project Meetings and Getting Oriented with GPS.

Highlights and activities include: Action Exhibits, Public Speaking, Fashion Show, Pumpkin Carving, 4-H Talent Revue and tours to American Stonehenge, Anheuser Busch Brewery, Castle in the Clouds, Hiking & Kayaking in a State Park, a Luncheon Cruise, Keasarge Indian Museum and a trip to the Keene Pumpkin Festival.

Cost is $310 if registered by August 1, $360 after that date. **Deadline is September 25.** This includes meals, activities, tours and workshops. Hotel reservations need to be booked separately. For more information, please visit their website at: [http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVol/08NEVF.htm](http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVol/08NEVF.htm).

Registration packets are also available at the 4-H office or on our own website: [www.4HisTops.org](http://www.4HisTops.org).

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**Important Reminder for Everyone**

Our 4-H Administrative staff is here to help with your 4-H questions. **However, our office is only open 8:30 - 4:30 weekdays.**

If you need to reach us after 4:30, you may leave any paperwork or questions for us with the building night manager, MaryAnn Del Gigante.

Mrs. Del Gigante is in the 4-H Center from 7-10 PM each weeknight and can be reached at 908-526-8242. If you need to reach any of us at a time that our office is not open, you may contact any of us by using our e-mail addresses which are posted in the front of every issue of Clovertales.
HURRAY FOR...

2008 Outstanding...

4-H’ers: 
- Christopher Puskas
- Elise Schwer
- Robert Slocie
- Alyson Weiss

Alumni 
- Gene Sellers
- Annette Smutko

2008 Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to this year’s scholarship winners:

Somerset County 4-H Association Scholarships:
- Brianna Mulrooney, Andrea Ortu, Nathalie Schlosser, Amy Williams
- 4-H Prep Scholarship: Nathalie Schlosser
- Somerset County 4-H Trainmasters Scholarship: Kenneth Hayward

Seeing Eye Scholarship Winners

Meagan McFadden and Julia Hill are the recipients of a $1000 scholarship each from the Seeing Eye, Inc. Both Meagan and Julia raised two puppies through the 4-H K-9 Leaders Seeing Eye Dog Club. These puppies then go on to be trained as guide dogs for the blind. Guide dogs help the blind move with dignity and independence. Puppies raised in loving homes always make the best dog guides.

Ad Sales Update

Congratulations to everyone that sold ads. This turned out to be another record breaking year! Nearly $50,000 in ads were sold, proving once again that working together can make the best better!

Special recognition to these top salespeople who sold more than $1000 each: Cody Gerlach, Caleb Bruss, Joshua Bruss, Levi Bruss, Taylor Johnson, Carolyn Rubinfeld, Brian Rubinfeld, Paige Lamberson and Nick DeCristofano.

4-H State Presentations

On June 7, Rutgers University hosted the 2008 State 4-H Presentations Program. This event offers qualified 4-H members an advanced Public Speaking experience. Participants are encouraged to return from the contest and assist younger 4-H members in their county to develop their public presentation skills. To qualify for this State Event 4-H members must be in the 8th - 13th grade and have received an excellent rating in the County 4-H Public Presentation Contest.

Congratulations to these qualifying Somerset County 4-H’ers, who participated in the state contest:

The State Outstanding Room Award Winner for Somerset County was: Amanda Weinstein for her presentation on “Showing Your Dog.”
State 4-H Dog Show

Congratulations to these winners:

**Best in Show**
- Ashley Ward, Obedience
- Nathalie Schlosser, Junior Show

**Obedience**
- Pre-Novice A: James Clelland, 2nd place; Ben Dunham, 3rd place
- Pre-Novice B: Amy Miller, 2nd place; Allie Mostello, 3rd Place; Else Schwer, 2nd place; Nicole Breiffehl, 4th place
- Intermediate Novice: Colleen Ridder, 3rd place
- Novice: Ashley Ward, 1st place; Emma Boganski, 3rd place & 4th place
- Graduate Novice: Andrea Ortu, 1st place

**Seeing Eye**
- Puppies 4-5 months: Julia Hill, 4th place
- Puppies 14 months & up: Becky Lane, 2nd place

**Junior Show**
- Grades 4-6, Inexperienced: Elizabeth McGrath, 1st place;
  Carolyn Pirro, 2nd place;
  Kelsey Graham, 3rd place; Brenna Massey, 4th place
- Grades 7-9, Inexperienced: Aaron Callahan, 3rd place
- Grades 7-9, Experienced: Daniel Basile, 2nd place;
  Colleen Ridder, 3rd place;
  Kristen Obermeier, 4th place
- Grades 10 & Up, Inexperienced: Ben Dunham, 1st place;
  Nicole Breiffehl, 2nd place; Max Schisler, 3rd place
- Grades 10 & Up, Experienced: Nathalie Scholosser, 1st place;
  Wendy Franzyschen, 2nd place; Lexi Berko, 3rd place;
  Amanda Weinstein, 4th place

**Agility**
- Off Leash, Medium: Wendy Franzyschen, 2nd place
- Leash Optional, Large: Andrea Ortu, 3rd place; Lexi Berko, 4th place
- Off Leash, Medium: Wendy Franzyschen, 2nd place
- Leash Optional, Medium: Lexi Berko, 4th place
- Leash Optional, Small: Kristen Obermeier, 1st place
- Leash Required, Large: Nicole Breiffehl, 4th place
- Leash Required, Medium: Daniel Maher, 1st place
- Lease Required, Small: Elizabeth Frank, 2nd place

State Horse Judging & Hippology

**Junior:**

**Hippology:**
- Phase A Exams: Kristin Johnson, 2nd place;
  Neha Sikka, 3rd place
- Phase B Stations: Kristen Johnson, 3rd place;
  Neha Sikka, 7th place
- Phase D Team Problems: Somerset Team
  Kristen Johnson, Neha Sikka,
  Ashley Thompson, 4th place
- High Team Overall:
  Somerset Kristen
  Johnson, Neha Sikka, Ashley
  Thompson, 1st place
- High Individuals Overall: Kristen Johnson,
  3rd place; Neha Sikka, 4th place

**Horse Judging**
- Individual Halter: Ashley Thompson, 9th place

**Senior**

Justin Dagnell was our only senior at this competition.

Justin will be part of the State 4-H Hippology Team going to the Eastern Nationals this fall! His placements are listed below.

**Hippology:**
- Phase A Exams: 7th place
- Phase B Stations: 6th place
- Phase C Judging, 6th place
- Phase D Team Problem: 1st place with Salem team members Dawn Flood, Carly McGinnis, Kelsey McGaffey
- High Team Overall: 3rd place with Salem team members Dawn Flood, Carly McGinnis, Kelsey McGaffey
- High Individuals Overall: 5th place

**Horse Judging:**
- Individual Halter: 9th place
- Individual Oral Reasons: 9th place
- High Team Overall: 2nd place
  with Cape May team members Kelsey Champion,
  Brelynn Weygand, Ella Berry
- High Individuals Overall: 10th place
Mighty Cavits & Rodents
by Megan Kouril

At their last meeting the MCR Club began discussions on Fair displays. They also finalized the design for their t-shirts, then picked a color. The Club was very pleased about their recent community service project, attending the Trailside Museum pet Fair. Members who participated had fun and enjoyed the experience. They brought their pets with them and they talked about their animals and what they do all year, educating the public about 4-H. Visitors to the Fair got to pet the animals and learn about 4-H. As always, the Club is looking forward to Fair! They will hold a mandatory meeting in July for a workshop on showmanship and health checks for animals entered in the Fair.

Whiskers, Paws & Claws
by Heidi Cyr

The club participated in an Earth Week trash cleanup in Hillsborough Township. They were able to gather 10 large sacks of trash on Beekman Lane, across from the municipal building.

4-H Senior Council
by Wendy Franzyshen

The Club discussed the April STAC meeting and made plans for the upcoming blood drive being held on July 12 at the 4-H Center. Kaitlyn Zimmitti biked 30 miles on May 17 for the MS bike tour. The Club had donated funds towards the tour. Members volunteered their time at the Memorial Day weekend bike races held annually in Somerville. In addition to Sno-Cones, Senior Council will now be offering popcorn at the 4-H Fair this year. The Club has begun work on a display for their booth at the Fair.

Wattles N Snood
by Lisa Magulak

On the first weekend of June the Wattles-N- Snood Poultry Club went on a camping trip to Colonial Woods campground in PA. The first night members set up camp and had fun grilling. Saturday was spent swimming, playing volleyball and exploring the campground. That night the club enjoyed gathering around the campfire, roasting s’mores and talking with each other. Sunday members prepared a club breakfast before packing up to head home.

Go-Kart Club
by Daniel Peterson

Members have had many driving clinics as well as recent club presentations that included: How to Winterize Your Kart; Steering Set-Up; A Demo on the Animal Engine; NASCAR of Tomorrow; and What to Bring to a Driving Clinic. The Club also had a great preventive maintenance demo, thanks to Chris. Kart weigh-ins have been done for the fair. Discussions included new gas engines to replace alcohol. The Club had 20 Karts parade around the warning tracks at a recent Patriots Game and JJ Artfitch threw out the first pitch. On June 21, members took carts to the Royce Brook Country Club to give co-leader, Chris and his new bride, Kelly a fun send off. Chris could not resist, he took a kart for a ride, tuxedo and all!
Dear 4-H Prepper,

IT’S FAIR TIME! It’s time once again to start getting ready for the 4-H Fair. What a better way to show the fair goers what you and your club have been doing throughout the year then with a club display in the prep tent. It is also a time for the prep members and their families to watch over the prep tent, spin cotton candy and talks about the 4-H to the fairgoers.

All Preppers going into the 4th grade can attend the graduation ceremony in the prep tent on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:00 pm. Look for a letter in the mail telling you all about it and be sure to return the information sheet to let us know if you will be attending.

Our Preppers are a very important part of 4-H and we are proud of each and every one of them. Although we will miss them, it will be exciting to see our graduates move onto a standard 4-H club.

Mrs. Darby
4-H Program Coordinator

Family Camp!

Friday June 13th - Sunday June 15th, was the Somerset County 4-H Family Camp weekend and what a weekend it was! Although our boating and torch march were limited because of bad weather, a good time was had by all. We were still able to enjoy crafts, archery, fishing and much more. Please stop by the Prep Tent during the fair to see the Family Camp banner that all who attend camp had a HAND in making.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the Brochinsky family. They took charge by shopping, organizing, cooking and cleaning up the kitchen. I certainly couldn’t have done it without them. Also, many thanks to Dave VanSkiver for leading our hike, Betty Sommerville for helping out in the craft barn, Willie, Pamela & Sally for putting on the Pied Piper play, and to all the teens who helped out throughout the weekend. I certainly couldn’t forget the families that help out in the kitchen and those that did a great job cleaning up camp before our departure.

I look forward to seeing you all at camp next year!
Yakety-Yak!

Prep Chef Club by Jill Brochinsky

During our second April meeting, we made sugar cookies with Colin and his mom and mango shakes with Paboni and her mom. Rita made heart & flower shaped cookies, Evan made all stars, and Chip made a school of sharks. Charlotte and Erin like lots of frosting on their cookies. Juliana said “Yum Yum” about the shakes and lots of the Prep Chefs agreed.

The Discovery Prep Club

May 6, 2008: Chris Posbergh and his mom came to the meeting to demonstrate how the wool that they get from their sheep is spun into yarn.

May 20, 2008: The club was visited by Earl and Brian Rowe from the Bee Keeping club.

June 3, 2008: The Discovery Club took a trip to the Somerset County Administration building and were hosted by the Somerset County Clerk Brett Radi. He spoke about his office’s role in the election process, how his office assists in the Passport application process and some of their other responsibilities.
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**Sunday**
- Citizenship (7:30 p.m.)

**Monday**
- 4-H Fair Advisory Committee (7:30 p.m.)
- Team Horse Council (7 p.m.)

**Tuesday**
- 4-H Fair Board Meeting (7:30 p.m.)

**Wednesday**
- Building & Grounds Meeting (7:30 p.m.)

**Thursday**
- 4-H Fair Herdman Applications Due (7:30 p.m.)

**Friday**
- Independence Day (7:30 p.m.)

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Build, Invest and Grow

As we continue our BIG push for BIG money to make the necessary repairs to the Ted Blum 4-H Center, we are trusting that we can “Make the Best Better” by again working together in a really BIG way!

The 2008 Rummage Sale is going to be even BIGGER & BETTER than last year! There are two ways that you can be involved:

- **Donate…** De-clutter your home NOW and save your best treasures for the sale!
- **Volunteer…** Be a part of the effort and a part of the fun! Help accept, sort & price donations during the pre-sale days… Work the sales floor during sale days… or… Be an “angel” and help with the clean up on Sunday!

The BIG 4-H Rummage Sale

Ted Blum 4-H Center
Friday & Saturday, September 12 & 13
9am-3pm
(½ Price Saturday 1pm-3pm)

- **Donations Accepted:**
  Monday, Sept. 8 through Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 9am-noon & 6pm-9pm (at the back door of the gym)

- **“By Invitation Only” VIP Pre-Sale (for donors & volunteers only!):**
  Thursday, Sept. 11 from 6pm-9pm

A really BIG thanks to all for donating and volunteering!
BIG 4-H Rummage Sale 2008
Set Up – Sept. 8th–11th
“By Invitation Only” VIP Pre-Sale – Thursday, Sept. 11th  6pm-9pm
Public Sale – Friday & Saturday, Sept. 12th & 13th  9am-3pm
½ Price Sale – Saturday, Sept. 13th  1pm-3pm
Clean Up – Sept. 14th

To volunteer… contact Linda Au at Linda.Au@Verizon.com
With the precise dates/times you are able to help out. Thanks.

ADULT & TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Publicity -- Pre-sale -- distribute flyers, hang posters
Food Concession -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- sell food
Bake Sale -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- donate or sell baked goods. Management team needed.
Set Up – Monday through Wednesday – accept/sort/price donations -- 9am-1pm & 5pm-9pm (2-hr shifts)
Set Up – Thursday – finish sorting/pricing donations -- 9am-5pm (2-hr shifts)
Pre-sale for Donors and Volunteers – Thursday 6pm-9pm -- cashiers, sales floor help -- 5pm-9pm (2-hr shifts)
Public Sale -- Friday & Saturday 9am-3pm -- cashiers, sales floor help, parking attendants -- 8am-4pm (2-hr shifts)
Clean -- Sunday 1pm-job completed -- final cleanup & packing up of items to send to the VNA

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Paper and plastic grocery bags
Baked goods
Sale Items Accepted:
   Gently used clothing
   Bedding, Linens, Fabric
   Books, Videos, DVDs, CDs
   Antiques, Collectibles, New Gift Items
   House wares
   Toys
   Jewelry
   Infant goods
   Furniture that is easily moved

Items NOT Accepted for Sale:
   Car tires or rims
   Baby furniture and car seats not up to safety code
   Encyclopedias, magazines
   Upholstered furniture, mattresses, built-in furniture
   Computers without hard drives and with chips older than Pentium or equivalent
   B/W computer monitors, computer monitors smaller than 14", dot matrix printers, large and heavy copiers
   Air conditioners; air purifiers/vaporizers; humidifiers
   Larger, older models & built-in microwave ovens
   Framed pictures with broken glass, unframed mirrors or loose glass
   Halogen lamps without safety guards
   Large appliances
   Sinks, toilets, toilet seats, tubs
   Storm doors, screen doors, windows, & window screens
   Venetian blinds or shades; drapes/curtains with foam rubber, fiberglass, or rubber backs
   Wall-to-wall carpeting, rugs without binding
   No Hazardous waste, nothing flammable

YOU CAN BE
A PART OF THE FUN!

Donate Your Items and/or
Volunteer Your Time

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**Information about the Youth Participant and Activity**

Name of youth participant: ___________________________  Birthday: ___________________________

Address: _____________________________________________

Telephone number: __________________________  4-H county: __________________________  Grade: __________________________

Name of parent/guardian: ___________________________

Name of activity/event: Somerset County 4-H Fair

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event: Somerset County 4-H

Location of event: North Branch Park

Date and time of participation of individual named above: August 13-14-15, 2008 10:00 am - 10:00 pm

**Parent Permission and Release of Liability**

I hereby give my son/daughter named above permission to participate in the event listed. Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension and its chaperones will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of the above participant and preventing accidents, I release them from any liability in case of illness or injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting my child to and from the event, from any liability in case of illness or injury.

Signature of parent or guardian: ___________________________

**Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information**

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Health Insurance: Company ___________________________

Group# ___________________________

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